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1. Vessel (1), preferably a ship, for transport and mounting of structures, said vessel (1) comprising a hull (2) and at least four vertically elevational support legs (9) as well as displacement means for elevating the support legs (9) **characterized** in that the support legs (9) are mounted in at least two consoles (5) which by first means are connected to the hull's (2) right and left long side, respectively, and where the vessel (1) also comprises at least one crane (11), for handling and placing the structures below the waterline.
 2. Vessel according to claim 1, **characterized** in that the consoles (5) comprise at least one sleeve (14) coated with a friction reducing substance on the inner surfaces of the sleeves, said inner surfaces enclosing parts of the outer circumference of a support leg (9).
 3. Vessel according to any of the preceding claims **characterized** in that the displacement means comprise at least one wire winch (8) attached to each support leg (9) and a hydraulic system attached thereto.
 4. Vessel according to any of the preceding claims **characterized** in that the support legs each comprise load cells (13).
 5. Vessel according to any of the preceding claims **characterized** in that there are provided hollow spaces/chambers (12) in the hull (2), said hollow spaces/chambers being filled with/emptied for water via a control system.
 6. Vessel according to any of the preceding claims **characterized** in that upper end surface of the consoles (5) is placed on a level with the deck (4) of the vessel.

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7. Vessel according to any of the preceding claims characterized in that lower end surface of the consoles (5) is placed at a considerable distance to the ship's waterline and between same and the ship's bottom.

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8. Vessel according to any of the preceding claims characterized in that the first means comprise a rail secured to the hull and fastening means, for example bolts.

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